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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities observed prior to 31 May 1954:

A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army: On 15 May, units of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division at Grimma were found to be nearly complete at their installations. This year, the units will supposedly rotate to Koenigsbrueck for practices. On 20 May, the summer camp northwest of Schmorkau was partly occupied by units of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division. On 17 May, a military shipment went from Schwepnitz to Grimma. On 20 May, the signal communications school at Koenigsbrueck was lightly occupied; tanks were no longer observed there. According to two other sources, a unit of the 11th Guards Tank Division was transferred to Dresden between 2 and 5 May.
2. Second Guards Mechanized Army: On 18 and 19 May, 88 new six-wheeled armored personnel carriers, which had arrived in two shipments, were unloaded at Doeberitz by personnel of the 1st Mechanized Division. The same shipments had been observed when crossing the border from the USSR. Four shipments with artillery units of the 1st Mechanized Division, going from Doeberitz to Jueterbog, included 15 x 122-mm howitzers, 23 x 85-mm and 57-mm anti-tank guns, and 14 x 120-mm mortars. On 14 May, a shipment with 40 guns, allegedly of 57-mm caliber, left Neustrelitz for Jueterbog.¹
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army: On 19 May, Waldlager Huetten in Letzling Heath was occupied to capacity by the 7th Guards Tank Division. On 11 May, Camp Forst Tauer at the Lieberose training grounds was occupied by 8,000 to 10,000 troops of the 9th Mechanized Division.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army: On 19 May, most units of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division and the 10th Guards Tank Division were still at their posts.

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5. Third Shock Army: On 19 May, elements of the 207th Rifle Division were observed in a forest camp southeast of Jaevenitz in Letzling Heath, elements of the 19th Guards Mechanized Division in Forest Camp 3 at Born, and Army troops in Forest Camp 1 at Born.
6. Eighth Guards Army: On 17 May, the Army artillery brigades were still at Altenburg; on 15 May, the 308th Artillery Brigade was still at Gera; on 24 May, the 67th Guards Mechanized Regiment of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division was still at Zeitz; and on 18 May, the 76th Artillery Brigade was still at Merseburg. The bulk of the 57th Guards Rifle Division, including the engineer battalion, was observed at the Kindel troop training grounds on 17 May. The engineer training site west of Brambach near Dessau has been occupied since early in May by the 19th Guards Engineer Battalion of the Army and by the engineer battalion of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division.

B. KVP Developments:

1. On 12 May, the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment at Kirchmoeser was transferred to Potsdam, presumably to be stationed in the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne.
2. Units continued training at their stations.
3. Several buildings have been completed in a new barracks installation south of Strausberg, and not on Strausberg airfield as was erroneously reported in 25X1A [] Billeting equipment arrived between 14 and 18 May.

C. Miscellaneous:

1. Many Soviet units transferred to training grounds were accompanied by officers' dependents who were quartered either in the summer camps or in nearby villages.
2. Between 10 and 16 May, four troop trains were dispatched from the Halle railroad district to Brest Litovsk. [] 25X1A

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1. [] Comment: The guns probably were 76.2-mm pieces detached by the 9th Guards Tank Division.

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[] Comment: More combat troops have remained at their posts than in preceding years. Summer training is now in full swing. The arrival of armored personnel carriers continues.

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